

Danville, Kentucky

Nov 12 1871

Dear Sir,

You will no doubt be surprised as well as amazed should you ever receive this scrawl, the purport of which is a request; that if granted will be duly appreciated by me. I have declined making it for some years for fear of giving offence, but calling to mind your age, and that in a short time the opportunity will be forever gone, I can no longer forbear, hoping to be forgiven if considered presuming. The request is this,

a sassa lock of your hair
to be left to my children
as a memorial of him whose
name can never die, and
whose many virtues shine
so conspicuous, that malice
nor envy can never tarnish
them. The request would be
made in person did not the
demands of a large family
claim my every exertion for
a support. I am a son of Doct
Andrew Robertson formerly of
Virginia, my eldest sister
wife to Doct James Exwell
of Washington City, with

whose father Col Jesse Emell
I have been informed you
were acquainted.

Nov 12th 1821
yours with respect
Duncan F Robertson

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A decorative flourish consisting of several overlapping loops and lines, extending from the signature area towards the center of the page.

Robertson Duncan F. Danville, Nov. 12. 21

rec^d Dec. 9.

Mon^d. Dec. 10.

I am certainly ~~greatly~~ ^{much} indebted to you for the kind partialities expressed in your ltr of Nov. 12. I am conscious indeed of having ever rendered with fidelity to our common

country every service within the reach of my faculties; but thousands and thousands have done the same among whom I claim no distinction. as however you express a desire to possess some memento of myself particularly, I take the liberty of offering you a miniature likeness of which I ask your acceptance. it will be a token of more meaning than a simple lock of hair whitened with the frost of 79 winters. with it be pleased to accept the assurance of my great regard.

Virginia

Free
The Hon,
Thomas Jefferson
Albemarle County

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